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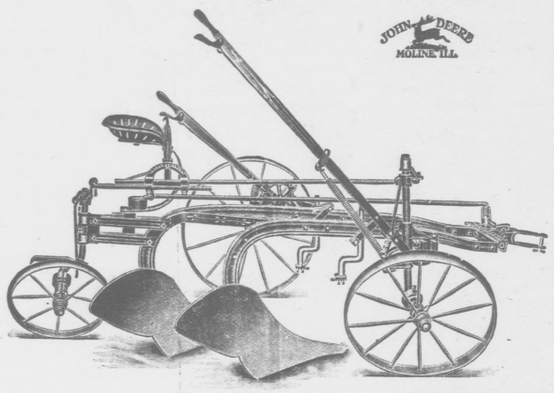

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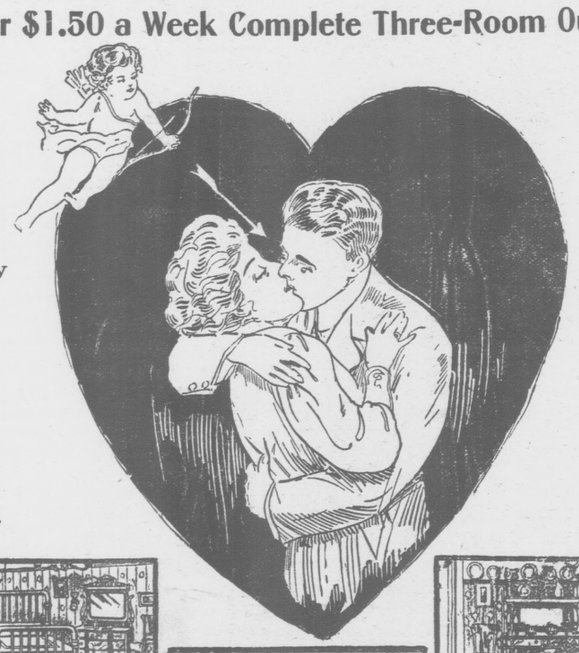

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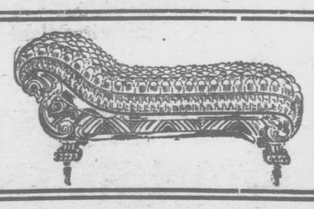

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TO AVOID DROWNING

With the advent of the opening of the swimming and bathing season, number of accidental drownings is greatly increased. Although the summer has not arrived, several accidental drownings have already occurred, and in every instance the accident can be traced to two reasons —going into the water too soon after eating and taking too many risks. A few practical suggestions for the benefit of the inexperienced swimmer are herewith given by a swimming instructor. When a person is rescued from drowning the reason is invariably given as cramps. In nine cases out of ten the cramps are not in the muscles of the limb, but stomach cramps. When a persons enters the water with a full stomach the pressure of the water against the body is so great that the food cannot digest; consequently the person is seized with paroxyms of pains.

Cramps also are due to entering the water when overheated or if the water is too cold. If one is bent upon taking a plunge soon after partaking of food, let him take a little exercise for 15 minutes on shore. It is generally believed that a drowning person sinks and rises three times and then goes to the bottom but this is not a proven fact. I find it depends greatly upon the manner in which a person goes overboard. A person may fall into the water from a height of several feet and strike on his back in such a manner that he is forced to sink and never rise. Others have been known to remain on the surface of the water for many minutes, bobbing up and down a number of times before they meet death through suffocation.

Then, too, cases are frequent where a person loses his head and dies through sheer fright. Many a drowning person could have been saved if someone on shore would jump overboard to his aid when he cries for help. Instead of so doing those on shore will run a mile to get someone to do it for them. There are very few swimmers, even experts, who understand how to rescue the drowning with safety to themselves. In swimming to the side of a drowning person if the distance is great, reserve your energy until the spot is reached, for if fatigued upon arriving at the place your services will be of no avail. When within about 40 feet of the spot dive under and come up under the person and grab him about the waist, bringing him to the surface in a vertical position. When on the surface get the body in a horizontal position as better speed can thus be made getting to shore. Swim slowly and keep the head well back and if the person is conscious talk to him in a reassuring manner and allay his fears as much as possible.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS OF THE PENINSULA

DELAWARE

Helen Walsh, aged 7 years, of Wilmington, sustained a broken rib when a horse kicked her.

Five hundred lobster pots have been set along the Lewes shore, and big catches are expected.

According to a Census Bureau bulletin there are 6,8 87 voters in Delaware, 27,-519 of them in Wilmington.

The pea canning factories opened operations in Milford Monday with a force of 300 men and women.

A sane Fourth of July is the ambition of Milford citizens ,and steps are being taken to realize that ideal.

Professor Harry White formerly of Chester, Pa., has been elected principal of the Georgetown High School.

Improvements to the grounds of Delaware College including the new athletic field, will be started this month.

The Wilmington Consumers' League is striving to have all stores give the employes a half-holiday each week in July and August.

When Children's day exercises were held in the Delaware City Methodist Church Sunday evening the collection amounted to $33.70.

A cottage at Rehoboth Beach has been purchased by the congregation of All Saints' Episcopal Church, and will be converted into a rectory.

Six children sustained broken arms in as many days while roller skating in Cool Spring Park, Wilmington, so the park guards have prohibited the use of the sport.

Receivers of the American Brick Manufacturing Company on Saturday sold the real estate and personal property of the company at Stanton, subject to a $5000 mortgage, to the bondohlders for $15,000.

Announcement has just been made of the marriage of Miss Edna, a daughter of B. Frank Gray, of Milton, and George Brasure, son of the late Senator Isaih Brasure, of Selbyville. They will reside in Selbyville; where Mr. Brasure has business interests.

Professor Twitmeyer, of Wilmington, was the commencement speaker of the Lewes High School Friday night, when Misses Margaret Burton, Helen Wilbank Adelia Lank, Gladys Russell, Ethel Martin and Elsa Nicholson and Charles Jenkins, Rowland Ingram and Donald Evans graduated.

MARYLAND

A fall resulted in Miss Lelia Thompson of Woodlawn breaking a leg.

Falling while playing in the Elkton Methodist churchyard Sophia McEaniel broke her collarbone.

Miss Lotta Morrison of Colora, and George McCardell of Liberty Grove, surprised their friends by being married in New Jersey, June 1st.

Miss Elizabeth C. Poplar, of Havre de Grace, and Herbert J. Clark of Wilmington, announced their marriage Sunday that took place in Wilmington on November 27 last.

John J. Denver, a moulder at the Elkton foundry, sustained a broken nose and other injuries when he was struck in the face by a piece of iron thrown in play at another workman.

While returning to Elkton from Chestertown Wednesday night, J. Alfred Taylor's machine was wrecked and he was painfully injured when another automobile collided with his.

For not missing a day in the school year just closed, Mary McCommons, Ralph Dunsmore and Lawrence Stewart, pupils at Providence public school have been awarded gold medals.

At a meeting of the State Roads Commission William L. Marcy, of Annapolis was elected secretary, succeeding Senator Goslin of Centreville who is now a member of the commission.

Harry Armour, a young farmer of Greenburst, Cecil county, who sustained injuries on Saturday last when thrown from a load of hay near, North East died Sunday from his injuries.

The graduating class of the Havre de Grace High School attended St. Patrick's Catholic church Sunday evening when a special sermon was delivered to the class by the Rev. James Fitzerald.

Former County Commissioners Charles A. Benjamin of Cecil county, and Mrs. Abi Matthews Morris of Washington, D. C., were married in that city Wednesday both being more than 60 years old.

Mrs. Nettie Edwards aged 35 years wife of William Edwards of Camden, N. J., died Sunday at Union Hospital after several weeks illness of blood poison. A widower and three children survive her.

The Rev. Percy E. Hall, rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal church, Catonsville, preached the baccalaureate sermon Sunday to the graduating class of Tome Institute. Their annual commencement was held Monday morning.

The funeral of W. Clifford Kirk, a popular farmer of Calvert section, who dropped dead from heart trouble was held from his late home Sunday afternoon. The Rev. William Schouler, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, Elkton officiated.

SNAPPY JUNE STYLES

NEW YORK, June 10th

Surely never before did the girls have such a chance to look their prettiest for the straight silhouette which remains fashionable is varied endlessly in all sorts of becoming way. With the new wrinkles in coatees, sashes frills and pipings it's an easy matter to so change the aspect of a last year's gown that its own maker would fail to recognize it.

CONTRASTS IN COLOR AND MATERIAL

Color contrasts and the mixing of odd materials are carried to the limit of combination seemingly and there are others. Pipings and facings and bands of odd colors bring out the lines of a costume or turn a trying somberness of hue into stunning becomingness. No one need hesitate to select black, brown, or gray, because it does not accord with one's coloring. White accessories at the neck, and a dash of blue, yellow, red or lilac will

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make anything right if judiciously used, also no shortage of material need appall the home maker, when contrasts are the smart note in up-to-date fashions.

THE NEW COMBINATIONS

Skirts of combination lingerie have such a way of riding up that the new corset covers that finish with slim knickerbockers confined at the knee promise to be almost universally adapted by Fall. Some made of white China silk, and thin pongee, are especially comfortable when the thermometer soars to distressing heights.

FRILLS AND FRILLS AND FRILLS

If you don't quite know how to change or improve the appearance of your coat suit or blouse study some of the frills that have broken loose like an epidemic, and find the kind that suits you. There are frills wide, narrow, flat, flaring, plain, trimmed, pleated, ruffled, adjusted in every variety of line. Coats have a frill on both sides of the front opening, that flares out toward the face, or lies meekly down on the outside like continuous narrow revers. Sleeves of all sorts have these same finishes, draperies are edged with them, hats use them for brims, crowns, and upstanding trimmings. They add a touch of grace and becomingness to any rig if you apply them discreetly and are sure that they are fresh and dainty for surely nothing is more unattractive than a mussy frill.

LUCY CARTER

Anthraz In Dogs

WEST GROVE, Pa., June 7.—Deadly anthrax has broken out here in the dairy herd of Evan Storey, and four of his six cows have died within a few days.

As a further evidence of the malignant character of this disease, six of the best fox hounds in the pack of Master of Hounds Samuel E. Worth of Chatham, died after feeding off one of the carcasses, as did also his thoroughbred hunter, infected by the bite of a fly that had previously fed on the diseased meat.

Ignorant of the cause of death of the first animal, the carcass was hauled to the Worth kennels, where the hounds 26 in all, fed freely. Among the six that died was numbered Dutch leader of the pack, and champion fox hound of southern Chester county, having a record of four foxes holed and captured in one day. A fly hovering about the kennels later infected a slight saddle sore on Mr. Worth's crack hunter and the horse valued at $500 died within 24 hours.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

To insure kerosene lamps giving a clear and bright light, boil the interior parts of the lamp in vinegar and soda at least once in two weeks.

When washing oilcloth a tablespoonful of painters' size added to a pail of water will give a glossy surface and make it wear better than when washed in the ordinary way.

Skimmed milk and water, with a bit of glue in it, made scalding hot, is excellent to restore old rusty black crepe, if well squeezed and pulled dry like muslin it will look as well as or better than new.

To clean white enamel furniture remove all dirt marks with a flannel dipped in methylated spirits. Then wash at once with tepid water, to which has been added a little fine oat meal. Never use soap or soda.

As a compromise between ironing sheets all over and not ironing them at all fold sheets once lengthwise and twice crosswise, then iron out seledges and the hems ironing the outside as you fold them to lay away.

For a luncheon or a Sunday night supper have cold boiled fish ready. Shred it and mix it with chopped cucumbers and radishes, with just a suspicion of onion, and the result is a most appetizing one.

Soak the peas over night, it takes all day to boil them otherwise, in the morning wash them and put in a kettle with twice as much water as peas, a piece of salt pork, let boil steadily but be sure to watch them, as the water boils away very soon. Add more, as you must keep them very moist. Salt and pepper to taste. They are very tasty.

A simple method of cleaning carpet is to get a ball of carpet with lukewarm water. Then rub the way of the grain with the soap, again moisten flannel and rub thoroughly, finish with a dry cloth. The colors of the carpet will be almost as good as new.

Wash some beets thoroughly and boil for half an hour in boiling, unsalted water. Drain quickly, slip off the skins and slice the beets. Dip shem in flour seasoned with salt and pepper, brush over beaten eggs; toss in fine bread crumbs and fry in plenty of smoking hot fat. Serve hot.

Drain liquor from a can of peas, cook them until very soft, then rub through a colander. Thicken a quart of milk with a tablespoon of flour rubbed into one of butter. Stir the mashed peas into this, boil up once, stirring steadily; season with salt and a teaspoon of sugar and serve.

Soak 8 or 10 common crackers until real soft, place on a cake rack, put large piece of butter on each, and bake in oven until real brown. Remove and place a small spoonful of preserves on each. Of course you can put the cake rack in a baking pan.

Prepare some nicely seasoned, light mashed potatoes and mound on a platter. Beat one-half cup cream until stiff, and one-half cup soft cheese grated and seasoned with salt and paprika. Pile lightly on the potato and set on the top grate of the oven until the surface is a light brown.

A small vial or soda mint bottle with a screw top is an excellent holder for needles, especially in a damp climate, as the needles will not rust. Another bottle in the work basket to drop needles in, may prevent a serious accident.

Another convenient thing in a work basket is a cork decorated or otherwise, to protect the point of the scissors.

Never sew lace with silk, as the stitches are very noticeable. This is true no matter how coarse the lace. A cream colored thread for cream lace or a white for a white is best.

Give away the old garments; do not store them for the moths and rust to destory.

Little duties, even for the small child, are great helps in the household, and trains them early in taking responsibility.

If your sheets are too short and pull out from the foot make three button holes in the foot of each sheet and sew buttons on the mattress to correspond with the holes then button down and there will be no further trouble.

Have you had any good old fashion salt pork with milk gravy, as our grandmother used to call it, served on your table lately? With baked potatoes it is a meal relished by many.

Custards are so easy to prepare and so wholesome for desserts that we should have them at least once a week on our tables.

Now that eggs are plentiful, omelets are a good breakfast dish.

For painful and swollen feet, bathe in hot soda or salt water and rest with the feet elevated higher than the head for five or ten minutes; the relief will be soon felt.

Surgeon's adhesive plaster is a great help to keep corns amiable. Put on fresh plasters daily and the corns will not get hard and painful.

Glass which has grown dull can be restored to a fairly bright condition by washing with diluted hydrochloric acid and afterward rubbing with moistened chalk or whiting.

If a pancake griddle must be kept hot for late comers slip it into the oven, close the door and when needed it is hot.

When using a bottle of glue the stopper may be prevented from sticking by rubbing a fresh one with a little lard or grease of some kind, and using that in place of the old sticky one.

Brasses that are lacquered should never be touched with anything but a soft rag dampened in tepid soapy water. But on lacquered brass brushed free from dust should be rubbed with vinegar and salt and polished with dry whitening.

The various nut dishes and nut breads supply a fair amount of valuable food in place of meat when used simply or in combination with other foods.

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

Plant onion seed while the ground is still cool.

Four inches is about the right depth to plant potatoes.

Potatoes usually do well when planted on clover sod.

Provide good drainage and plenty of suitable fertilizer.

Deep plowing, well manured, is good preparation for the cabbage patch.

A home repair outfit will save you many dollars before it outlives its usefulness.

Rotation of crops gives a distribution of labor as well as many other advantages.

Onions should be sown at the earliest moment that the ground can be got in good condition.

Parsley sowed in cold frames will be helped by a mulch of manure between the rows.

Don't allow fresh manure to come in direct contact with the tuberous roots, roots, but have the soil very rich.

If blight was bad in the potatoes last year it will be well to select a new location for the patch this spring.

After a man has had a little experience with contaminated wells he begins to appreciate the importance of pure water on the farm.

The pig, like other animals, suffers at times from derangement of the stomach.

The driver more than the horse is always more to blame for the animal's being vicious—if he ever is.

Don't grow any kind of live stock for pedigree. This is the worst thing against the pure bred business.

At farrowing time feed the sow lightly on corn for a few days to prevent exciting her feverish condition.

Never rush a horse on a down grade. This is one of the first causes of sprung knees and strained tendons.

For fattening sheep feed liberally of oat straw and about three-pounds of corn fodder daily for a 100 pound sheep.

On his early training entirely depends a colt's usefulness and value as a horse, and it should begin the day it is foaled.

A horse or colt will drive better upon a two-thirds ration of hay and one-third of straw than upon a full ration of hay alone.

When the plow horses are brought in at noon the harness should be removed and the shoulders washed and rubbed dry while they are feeding.

Do not be afraid to shoot any prowling stray dog that may be found on your farm and particularly if it should happen to be in the vicinity of the sheep.

All hogs do not equally utilize the feed consumed in the production of pork. Some make more pork than others from the same amount of food. The better the hog the less the feed costs in the production of a pound of pork.

A box of ashes under a clump of shrubbery will be greatly appreciated by the hens in warm weather.

It is as impossible to estimate the productiveness and value of cow as is to guess the exact number of bushels of corn a certain field will yield.

The right kind of a farm garden will keep the family during garden season with the help of the hens. It won't take many hens for this help either.

A good crop for the orchard would be cowpeas—wide strips sown between the the rows of trees. This would make good early hay and is good for the soil.

While sheep will eat grain and any kind of grass and some kinds of weeds, they are after all, dainty feeders and the feed must be absolutely clean.

If you intend to raise sheep for wool buy rams and ewes that are bred for wool and do not make the mistake of mixing mutton types with wool types.

The young pigs often become crooked in the legs, if kept on the hard floor too long, and this means that the pig, if a good breed, loses much of its value.

Weighing milk at stated intervals not only tells the owner which are his profitable cows, and which are robbers, but if stimulates rivalry between the milkers.

Alfalfa grows best on a deep, sandy loam underlaid by a loose and permeable subsoil. It will not grow if there is an excess of water in the soil. The land must be well drained.

English farmers do not hesitate to pay as high as $100 for a pure bred sire ram. Do you imagine they would do this if they could get just as good results from a scrub at one-tenth price.

The man who uses system is the man who accomplishes the most work with the least effort.

The surest sign that chicken cholera is present is the green, frothy appearance of the droppings.

The advent of silos and silage into dairying has revolutionized the method of feeding dairy cows.

On a third of an acre of land a Missouri boy raised in one season a crop of sweet peas that sold for $800.

Keep close watch of your stock. Remember the old proverb that "the eye of the master fattens his cattle."

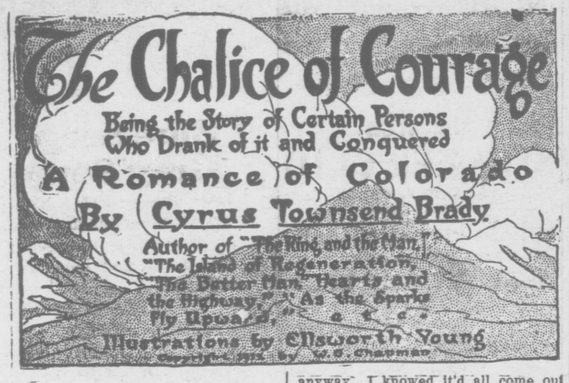
A thimble carrying a knife blade on the end has been patented by a California man to aid in picking fruit.

Almost every wrong act of the horse is caused by fear, excitement or mismanagement, said a great horseman.

Clover or alfalfa hay with a light ration of wheat bran and linseed meal and roots is the ideal ration for the ewes.

The individuality of each horse should be studied, and the feeds supplied to meet individual requirements.

If there is any one thing in the way of feed, that will bring winter eggs, more than another, it is a little green cut bone.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CHAPTER XXIII.

The Becoming End.

"Why did you interfere?" asked Newbold when at last he got his breath again, of Maitland who still held him firmly although restraint was now unnecessary, the heat and fire of his passion being somewhat gone out of him. "I meant to kill him."

"He'd oughter die sure nuff," drawled old Kirkby, rising from where he had been kneeling by Armstrong's side," but I don't know's how you're bound to be his executioner. "He's all right now, Miss Enid," said the old man. "Here"—he took a pillow from the bed and slipped it under his head and then extending his hands he lifted the excited almost distraught woman to her feet—" 'taint fittin' for you to tend on him."

"Oh," exclaimed Enid, her limbs trembling, the blood flowing away from her heart, her face deathly white, fighting against the faintness that came with the reaction, while old Kirkby supported and encouraged her. "I thank God you came. I don't know what would have happened if you had not."

"Has this man mistreated you?" asked Robert Maitland suddenly, tightening his grip upon his hard breathing but unresisting passive prisoner.

"No, no," answered his niece. "He has been everything that a man should be."

"And Armstrong," continued her uncle.

"No, not even he."

"I came in time, thank God!" ejaculated Newbold.

By this time Armstrong had recovered consciousness. To his other causes for hatred were now added chagrin, mortification, shame. He had been overcome. He would have been a dead man and by Newbold's hands, if the others had not interfered. He almost wished they had let his enemy alone. Well, he had lost everything but a chance for revenge on them all.

"She has been alone here with this man in this cabin for a month," he said thickly. "I was willing to take her in spite of that, but—"

"He made that damned suggestion before," cried Newbold, his rage returning. "I don't know who you are—"

"My name is Robert Maitland, and I am this girl's uncle."

"Well, if you were her father, I could only swear—"

"It isn't necessary to swear anything," answered Maitland serenely. "I know this child, and I believe I'm beginning to find out this man."

"Thank you, Uncle Robert," said Enid gratefully, coming nearer to him as she spoke. "No man could have done more for me than Mr. Newbold has, and no one could have been more considerate of me. As for you," she turned to Armstrong, who now slowly got to his feet, "your insinuations against me are on a par with your charges against the dead woman, beneath contempt."

"What did he say about her?" asked old Kirkby.

"You know my story?" asked Newbold.

"Yes."

"He said that my wife had been unfaithful to me—with him—and that he had refused to take her back. Great God!"

"And it was true," snarled Armstrong.

It was all Maitland could do to check Newbold's rush, but in the end it was old Kirkby who most effectively interposed.

"That's a damned lie," he said quietly with his usual drawling voice.

"You can say so," laughed Armstrong, "but that doesn't alter the facts."

"And I can prove it," answered the old man triumphantly.

It was coming, the secret that she had tried to conceal was about to be revealed, thought Enid. She made a movement toward the old man. She opened her mouth to bid him be silent and then stopped. It would be useless she knew. The determination was no longer hers. The direction of affairs had been withdrawn from her. After all it was better that the unloving wife should be proved faithful, even if her husband's cherished memory of her love for him had to be destroyed thereby. Helpless she listened, knowing full well what the old frontiersman's next word would be.

"Prove it," mocked Armstrong. "How?"

"By your own hand, out of your own mouth, you dog," thundered old Kirkby. "Miss Enid, where are them letters I give you?"

"I—I—" faltered the girl, but there was no escape from the keen glance of the old man; her hand went to the bosom of her tunic.

"Letters," exclaimed Armstrong. "What letters?"

"These," answered Enid Maitland, holding up the packet.

Armstrong reached for them, but Kirkby again interposed.

"No, you don't," he said dryly. "Them ain't for your eyes yet. Mr. Newbold, I found them letters on the little shelf where your wife first struck when she fell over onto the butte where she died. I figured out her dress was tore open there, and them letters she was carrying fell out and lodged there. We had ropes an' we went down over the rocks that way. I went first an' I picked 'em up. I never told nobody about it, an' I never showed 'em to a single human bein' until I give 'em to Miss Maitland at the camp."

"Why not?" asked Newbold, taking the letters.

"There wasn't no good tellin' nobody then, jest fer the sake o' stirrin' up trouble."

"But why did you give them to her at last?"

"Because I was afeered she might fall in love with Armstrong. I supposed she'd know his writin', but w'en she didn't I just let her keep 'em anyway. I knowed it'd all come out somehow; there is a God above us in spite of all the damned scoundrels on earth like this 'un."

"Are these letters addressed to my dead wife?" asked Newbold.

"They are," answered Enid Maitland. "Look and see."

Sank His Fingers Around the Other's Throat.

"And did Mr. Armstrong write them?"

"He'll deny it, I suppose," answered Kirkby.

"But I am familiar with his hand writing," said Maitland.

Taking the still unopened packet from Newbold, he opened it, examined one of the letters and handed them all back.

"There is no doubt about it," he said. "It's Armstrong's hand, I'd swear to it."

"Oh, I'll acknowledge them," said Armstrong, seeing the absolute futility of further denial. He had forgotten all about the letters. He had not dreamed they were in existence. "You've got me beat between you; the cards are stacked against me. I've done my damndest"—and indeed that was true.

Well, he had played a great game, battling for a high stake he had stuck at nothing. A career in which some good had mingled with much bad was now at an end. He had lost utterly; would he show himself a good loser?

"Mr. Armstrong," said Newbold quietly, extending his hand, "here are your letters."

"What do you mean?"

"I am not in the habit of reading letters addressed to other people without permission, and when the recipient of them is dead long since, I am doubly bound."

"You're a damned fool," cried Armstrong contemptuously.

"That kind of a charge from your kind of a man is perhaps the highest complaint you could pay me. I don't know whether I shall ever get rid of the doubt you have tried to lodge in my soul about my dead wife, but—"

"There ain't no doubt about it," protested old Kirkby earnestly. "I've read them letters a hundred times over, havin' no scruples whatsoever, an' in every one of 'em he was beggin' an' pleadin' with her to go away with him an' fightin' her refusal to do it. I guess I've got to admit that she

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didn't love you none, Newbold, an' she did love this here wuthless Armstrong, but for the sake of her reputation, I'll prove to you all from them letters of hisn, from his own words, that there didn't live a cleaner hearted, more virtuous upright feemale than that there wife of yourn, even if she didn't love you. It's God's truth an' you kin take it from me."

"Mr. Armstrong," cried Enid Maitland, interposing at this juncture. "Not very long ago I told you I liked you better than any man I had ever seen. I thought perhaps I might have loved you, and that was true. You have played the coward's part and the liar's part in this room—"

"Did I fight him like a coward?" asked Armstrong.

"No," answered Newbold for her, remembering the struggle; "you fought like a man."

Singular perversion of language and thought there! If two struggled like wild beasts that was fighting like men!

"But let that pass," continued the woman. "I don't deny your physical courage, but I am going to appeal to another kind of a courage which I believe you possess. You have showed your evil side here in this room, but I don't believe that's the only side you have, else I couldn't have liked you in the past. You have made a charge against two women; one dead and one living. It makes little difference what you say about me. I need no defense and no justification in the eyes of those here who love me, and for the rest of the world I don't care. But you have slain this man's confidence in a woman he once loved, and who he thought loved him. As you are a man, tell him that it was a lie and that she was innocent of anything else although she did love you."

What a singular situation, an observer who knew all might have reflected! Here was Enid Maitland pleading for the good name of the woman who had married the man she now loved, and whom by rights she should have jealously hated.

"You ask me more than I can——" faltered Armstrong yet greatly moved by this touching appeal to his better self.

"Let him speak no word," protested Newbold quickly. "I wouldn't believe him on his oath."

"Steady now, steady," interposed Kirkby with his frontier instinct for fair play, "the man's down, Newbold, don't hit him now."

"Give him a chance," added Maitland earnestly.

"You would not believe me, eh?" laughed Armstrong horribly, "well then this is what I say, whether it is true or a lie you can be the judge."

What was he about to say? They all recognized instinctively that his forthcoming deliverance would be a final one. Would good or evil dominate him now? Enid Maitland had made her plea and it had been a powerful one; the man did truly love the woman who urged him; there was nothing left for him but a chance that she should think better of him than he merited; he had come to the end of his resources. And Enid Maitland spoke again as he hesitated.

"O, think, think before you speak," she cried.

"If I thought," answered Armstrong quickly, "I should go mad. Newbold, your wife was as pure as the snow; that she loved me I cannot and will not deny, she married you in a fit of jealousy and anger after a quarrel between us in which I was to blame, and when I came back to the camp in your absence, I strove to make it up and used every argument that I possessed to get her to leave you and to live with me. Although she had no love for you she was too good and too true a woman for that. Now you've got the truth, damn you, believe it or not as you like. Miss Maitland," he added swiftly. "If I had met you sooner, I might have been a better man. Good bye."

He turned suddenly and none preventing, indeed it was not possible, he ran to the outer door; as he did so his hand snatched something that lay on the chest of drawers. There was a flash of light as he drew in his arm but none saw what it was. In a few seconds he was outside the door. The table was between old Kirkby and the exit; Maitland and Newbold were nearest. The old man came to his senses first.

"After him," he cried, "he means—".

But before anybody could stir the dull report of a pistol come through the open door!

They found Armstrong lying on his back in the snowy path, his face as white as the drift that pillowed his head, Newbold's heavy revolver still clutched in his right hand and a bloody welling smudge on his left breast over his heart. It was the woman who broke the silence.

"Oh," she sobbed, "it can't be—"

"Dead," said Maitland solemnly.

"And it might have been by my hand," muttered Newbold to himself in horror.

"He'll never cause no more trouble to nobody in this world, Miss Enid an' gents," said old Kirkby gravely. "Well, he was a damned fool an' a damned villain in some ways," continued the old frontiersman reflectively in the silence broken otherwise only by the woman's sobbing breaths, "but he had some of the qualities that go to make a man, an' I ain't doubtin' but what them last words of hisn was mighty near true. Ef he had met a girl like you earlier in his life, he mought have been a different man."

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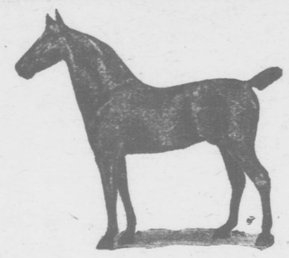

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